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SUBJECT: SUPPLY SHORTAGE DISTURBANCE

1. WE HAVE RELIABLY HEARD THAT TODAY, OCTOBER 4, WITNESSED MINOR DISTURBANCES IN HELIOPOLIS AS A RESULT OF CERTAIN COOPERATIVE STORES RUNNING OUT OF BUTTER. GOE POLICE HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLOSURE OF ALL COOPERATIVE STORES IN HELIOPOLIS.

2. COMMENT: BUTTER, NORMALLY A LUXURY, BECOMES A NECESSITY AT RAMADAN FOR MAKING RAMADAN CAKES. WE BELIEVE GOE WILL DO ITS BEST TO SOLVE THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM AND OPEN COOPERATIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DISTURBANCE IS, NEVERTHELESS, PART OF PATTERN OF GROWING DISCONTENT AMONG POPULATION WITH INCREASING SHORTAGES OF NECESSARY FOODSTUFFS, PROBABLY AUGMENTED IN THIS CASE BY RAMADAN TENSIONS. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE MORE SUCH DISTURBANCES UNLESS GOE CAN EASE COMMODITY PROBLEM IN SHORT ORDER.
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